(12) Yes. Packing is done mostly at first and blasting for widening in specifically measured and marked places. The locality being steep the blasted stones fly down to great depths and they cannot be recovered for work.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Sub-division (8)—Are the cracks yet showing signs of cleavage?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—There were no cracks.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Am I to presume that the contractor has not made use of any of the blasted rocks?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—That is answered under (12). 'The locality being steep the blasted stones fly down to great depths and they cannot be recovered for work.'

The Alur bridge work.

174. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what was the original amount of the estimate for the Alur bridge;

(b) what was the amount of the revised estimate;

(c) what was the excess over the original estimate due to;

(d) was it an additional ventway provided at the left end;

(e) did not one M. Sankaran Nayar agree first to safeguard the left end;

(f) was not the site changed during construction;

(g) was not the site first fixed better for a bridge from engineering point of view;

(h) why was the site changed;

(i) is it on account of the change of the site that the additional expenditure had to be incurred?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) Rs. 8,000.

(b) There was no revised estimate. The deviation statement amounts to Rs. 10,489—9—0.

(c) The 7 per cent excess according to the accepted tender, excess in the foundation work and the construction of an additional ventway.

(d) One additional ventway was provided.

(e) Yes; but no protection was necessary.

(f) The present site was fixed before starting the construction.

(g) There is very little difference between the two sites.

(h) Because the present site was in line with the existing Panchayat road and it is more convenient for the people of the locality.

(i) No. The causes that gave rise to the additional expenditure have been given already.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Sub-division (h)—Is there any road leading from the other end of the bridge? 'Because' it is said that, 'the present site was in line with the existing Panchayat road and it is more convenient for the people of the locality.' Does the Panchayat road exist on both ends of the bridge?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Only on one side.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Is there any poramboke pathway on the other?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—There is a pathway but I do not know whether it is poramboke.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Was this necessary if the work had been done on the original estimate?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes, deviation was necessary on account of the provision of an additional ventway.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Was not the additional ventway necessary.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—That is answered.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What was the excess over the original estimate due to?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—It was due to the 7 per cent excess according to the accepted tender—excess in the foundation work and the construction of an additional ventway. It was therefore clear that an additional ventway was found necessary.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Would it have been necessary if it was done at the original site?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—I want notice.

Road from Chelakkara to Karukakkadavu or Kambakkadavu.

175. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the amount till now spent on the road from Chelakkara to Karukakkadavu or Kambakkadavu;

(2) what will be the cost of the whole work when completed;

(3) was a traffic or economic made;

(4) what are the benefits that are expected to accrue from the road and what will be the population in the area traversed by this road;

(5) is it not a fact that the P. W. D. Overseer of the Talappalli Taluk who is a native of Chelakkara and who has lands in the region traversed by the road contrived to make a road at Sirkar cost;

(6) was not a complaint to the above effect made before; if so, what was the result?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(1) Rs. 4,994—4—0.

(2) Rs. 15,750 according to the sanctioned estimate.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly